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Sent via e-mail to: [jared.hart@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:jared.hart@sanjoseca.gov)

Jared Hart  
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Re: Coyote Valley Specific Plan Draft EIR

Dear Jared:

I will say right from the start that I am very much against the Coyote Valley Plan. I have come to this conclusion from a wide variety of reasons. I will try to keep this brief.

First of all, the loss of open space and prime farmland is something that cannot be regained regardless of the Plan's attempts to do so. Secondly, I live near Harry Road, and I am familiar enough with the Coyote Valley area to observe that flooding regularly takes place during the winter. How will that be addressed? And regarding water, I read a letter from the former *Executive Director of the Santa Clara Valley Water District* in which he stated that this is a prime watershed area and that none of his concerns have been addressed in this report. Did you read his letter to the editor in the San Jose Mercury news?

Another concern is traffic. I no longer take the freeways to and from work because they're too crowded. I know that many of the people who live in Coyote Valley will also avoid the freeways and take Bailey Road when they head north. Bailey Road, McKean Road, and Almaden Expressway will not be able to handle that level of traffic. I did not see anywhere in the study where this was addressed. And even if it was, it would be a major project to widen those roads, which is what would be required. It would also greatly change the rural nature of that area.

The notion that everyone who lives in Coyote Valley will work there is ridiculous. All one has to do is study The Woodlands in Houston, which is one half hour


outside of Houston, Texas. This was supposed to be a live and work community. Yet today, most residents who live in The Woodlands commute to Houston. The residents who live there have a terrible commute into Houston. The same would happen in Coyote Valley. Why would anyone living in Coyote Valley work any closer to home than anyone else in the rest of the county? We all commute all over the county. We work where the best job is located for our particular career path and which meets our primary objectives in a job. I find it highly unlikely that everyone living there will have the perfect job in the same community; if that were the case, everyone living in Gilroy, Morgan Hill, Hollister, etc. would not leave their community but was simply work within their own town.

Last but not least, the wildlife corridors would be adversely affected for many species. Larger species would especially be affected, such as the wild cats.

The real solution to our Valley's housing problem is to create denser housing within our already developed areas and a better public transportation system to cut down on traffic congestion, air pollution, and global warming.

Thank you for reading my opinion, and I really did try to keep it brief!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Erickson". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long, sweeping underline.

Sue Erickson